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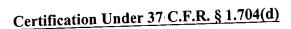
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the 01/31/2003 HEVENEST VOUVOUG 132/25 09884795 in an International Search Report mailed December 13, 2002.

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